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For: MAGNETORESISTIVE MAGNETIC SENSOR)	
AND MAGNETIC STORAGE APPARATUS)	
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Attorney Docket No. HITA.0442)	

Honorable Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 26, 2004, it is respectfully requested that the following amendments be entered and the accompanying remarks be considered. The shortened statutory period for reply is set to expire on November 26, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.